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## MPs get mobile



The mobile command post features four integral areas: driver, communications, galley and conference room. Sgt. Len Langston/Chevron

BY SGT. LEN LANGSTON  
Chevron staff

The Provost Marshal's Office here expanded its on-base police operations Oct. 8 with a mobile command post, one in a \$5 million fleet outfitting Provost Marshal units Corpwide.

Capt. Ronald G. Capes, Provost Marshal, said police will use the 29-foot vehicle to equip sobriety check points and special events. The provost marshal will also use the mobile command post in unforeseen crises.

The \$249,000 diesel is outfitted with an infrared camera and a public-address system.

The mobile command post will be in operation once operating procedures and vehicle duties are worked out, according to Capes.

The driver's area acts as an additional work site with a Global Positioning System and a police-band radio. The communications area allows Marines to operate laptops, fax, copy and print. It has radios, a video monitor and a blood-alcohol tester. The vehicle is equipped with a refrigerator, sink and microwave.



**ONE FOR THE CORPS** Pvt. Michael M. Baker, Platoon 1006, hangs from a pull-up bar attempting to regain his strength during Company D's final physical fitness test Oct. 8. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

## Mud run to start Toys For Tots charity season

BY STAFF SGT. SERGIO JIMENEZ  
Los Angeles Public Affairs

The Marine Corps League, in collaboration with Marines and city members, will kick off the Kern County Toys for Tots season with the eighth running of the Volkslauf Mud Run — "The Ultimate Challenge" in Bakersfield, Calif., tomorrow.

According to 1st Sgt. Robert W. Breeden, first sergeant, Bulk Fuel Company A, 6th Engineer Support Battalion in Bakersfield, the purpose of the event is to not only challenge Marines and civilians alike in what he calls "one of the toughest mud runs in the world," but to raise money for a worthy cause this holiday season.

Breeden said all proceeds from the event will go toward Marine family programs and the Kern County Toys for Tots program.

Volkslauf organizers are expecting more than 1,000 runners and more than 3,000 spectators for what some have called a grueling test of individual physical and mental endurance. Participants will have to slosh and slog through five million gallons of water, mud and more than 50 obstacles during the 10-kilometer course. Runners will have to cross hurdles and berms, low-crawl through tunnels and pits, rise over ladders, and advance over swings and rope climbs.

"There is no tougher mud run," said Breeden. "Those who race are guaranteed to walk away a little sore, a little bruised, but very satisfied in their accomplishment," he said.

Though the run takes blood, sweat and tears, it reimburses in other meaningful ways, said Breeden. He said last year the Marine Corps League raised more than \$12,000 for Toys For Tots, and since its inception, the run has provided thousands of dollars for the community.

"This run is not just about raising money, and it's not just a physical challenge; it is a way to bring the community together," said Breeden.

"Its true purpose is to strengthen the bond between the military and the community. The run allows the community to get an up-close look at who we are and what we do for the nation," said Breeden.

Participants and spectators will be able to speak to Marines and view static displays provided by various Southern California Marine reserve centers and active duty units from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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## PREPARE TO STRUT

### Birthday ball season means a rush to ready uniforms

BY LANCE CPL. MARTIN R. HARRIS  
Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan

It seems time has a way of slipping away. It moves even faster when Marines wait until the last moment to prepare their dress uniforms for one of the most important events of the year: the Marine Corps birthday ball.

Lance Cpl. Ruffy Galsim will not be caught off guard for the upcoming ball season. He started

shopping for uniform items six weeks before the ball.

"I'm getting everything ready now because (uniform clothing) sales doesn't always have my size," said Galsim, a fiscal budget technician for Managerial Accounting Branch, Camp Butler.

"The Marine Corps birthday is a grand time to celebrate and put on our best (dress uniform)," said 1st Sgt. Timothius M. Robinson, Company B,

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### DEPOT MARINE CELEBRATIONS

Birthday balls for the Marine Corps' 229 years will be at the Downtown Marriott on Harbor Drive.

NCOs and below  
Ball

**Nov 5**

Officers Ball

**Nov 6**

Staff NCOs Ball

**Nov 12**



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# Make Ready

*A couple places to prepare your birthday ball uniform*

**On Base**  
MCRD Cleaners

**Tailor:** \$7 to hem trousers, \$20 to take in coat; 3 days. Express service, \$2 extra per piece.  
**Dry cleaning:** Trousers, \$3; coat, \$3.95. Express service, \$1 extra per piece.  
**Return policy:** They will redo work up to two times. Clients must report problems within two days of pick-up.  
**Mounting medals:** \$5 each, 4 days  
**Buttonhole stitching:** \$20, 3 days  
**Rank:** \$3 per patch, 3 days.

**Off Base**  
Pacific Cleaners, Pacific Highway

**Tailor:** \$6.50 to hem trousers, \$18 to take in blouse; 3 days. Next-day service free  
**Dry cleaning:** \$7 for trousers and coat. Done by 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Same-day service upon request if dropped off between 7-8 a.m.  
**Return policy:** Bring work back with ticket to have fixed at no extra charge.  
**Mounting medals:** \$5 each, 3 days.  
**Buttonhole stitching:** \$18  
**Rank:** E-4 and below \$5.50, E-5 and above \$6.50, 3-days.

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Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

To keep looking their best, Marines' dress blue uniforms must be maintained regularly to ensure a proper fit, and this becomes difficult when Marines are deployed several weeks or months throughout the year, explained Capt. Todd A. Harding, assistant supply officer for Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

"(High) operational tempo leaves very little time for a Marine to get his dress uniform to the tailor," Harding said. "When a Marine realizes (at the last minute) it is time to go to the ball, his (dress uniform) may be too tight, or he may need to have new medals mounted. By the time he gets to the tailor, it could be too late."

Staff noncommissioned officers should not worry about getting their white trousers tailored for the ball, said Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Mastriano, Camp Butler's sergeant major.

"Dress blue-white uniforms are authorized to wear during the summer months," Mastriano said. "The Marine Corps birthday ball is held during the winter, making the blue trousers the authorized uniform."

The decision to get everything in order for the ball all comes down to the Marine's personality, explained Tommy Y. K. Cheung, whose been a military tailor for 43 years.

"All the Marines that come to the store are very busy, but the ones who come early are clearly more organized, which makes it much easier for me," said Cheung, who runs the tailor shop in a Camp Butler marketplace. "I'm running around like a chicken with my head off the last two weeks before the ball."

Additionally, once the dress uniform has been tailored, it must be cleaned. Know your local dry cleaner, and be familiar with their turnaround times and return policies.

With a little proper planning, getting the dress uniform ready for the Marine Corps ball season shouldn't be a hassle for Marines.



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Some of the items scheduled to be available for display include light-armored vehicles, infantry weapon systems, mortars and a 155 mm Howitzer. Engineer equipment will include, an Amphibious Assault Fuel System – pushing lots of water for the course – as well as heavy equipment and vehicles.

The History Channel's R. Lee Ermey is scheduled to serve as the guest of honor in kicking off the season and race.

The cost to race is between \$35 and \$45 for individuals and between \$140 and \$180 per team, depending on when and how individuals or teams register.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.volkslauf.com](http://www.volkslauf.com) or contact Sheena Crider at [scrider@volkslauf.com](mailto:scrider@volkslauf.com) or the Marine Corps Reserve at (661) 325-2797.

**CAREER FAIR**

Los Angeles Police Department representative Officer Joe Dyer chats with Sgt. Raymond Diaz, accountant, Recruiters School, about the career opportunities in the L.A.P.D. About 30 public and private sector companies and 25 colleges and universities set up booths at the 2004 Career and Education Fair at the depot field house Oct. 6. Companies included various police forces, Raytheon, Dynamic Instruments and the Department of Homeland Security. The event was sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



## Safety a corpswide concern as board members meet

BY STAFF SGT. MARC AYALIN  
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

The Corps' leaders in safety held their 10th semi-annual conference at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., recently.

"Our role here is to find the best practices that can improve Marine safety, reduce mishaps, injuries and loss of lives, and preserve Marine assets," said Col. Fred Wenger III, Safety Division director, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

The conference, hosted by Marine Corps Recruiting Command, gathered nearly 50 Executive Safety Board members and safety representatives from Marine Corps commands and installations around the world.

Some conference attendees included board chairman, Gen. William L. Nyland, assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, and commanders of Marine Forces Pacific, Atlantic and Reserve.

This year's conference, entitled "Excellence in Safety is Excellence in Warfighting," included safety updates from operational forces and briefings about safety initiatives that may affect the Corps in the future.

With the board's goal to minimize mishaps, the discussion of ongoing research and developmental programs was a major topic at the conference. To assist board

members to plan for future initiatives, representatives from Behavioral Science Technologies, a consulting firm, provided the results of a behavioral study conducted to assess the climate of safety in the Marine Corps. The study showed positive data in how safety was viewed by Marines as a whole.

Although Corpswide awareness of safety is a priority, the Marine Corps is still losing lives and equipment to safety-related mishaps.

"The Marine Corps has acknowledged we have a serious safety problem in combat and off duty," Estrada said. "Every Marine or sailor who loses their lives or who gets seriously injured decreases our combat efficiency."

One initiative that will help battle safety-related mishaps is the new aviation and ground mishap reporting system that staff members introduced. This October, the Naval Safety Center will employ and manage the Web-Enabled Safety System II. The web-based information system is a user-friendly data collection and reporting tool that will be used at all major commands. The new system is capable of accommodating up to 44,000 user identification signatures and will soon replace the Corps' current reporting system. As the new system is established, data currently stored will be transferred to WESS II allowing users to access ground-safety data as far back as 1988.

"This new system is going to be very valuable as to recording and tracking, and as an analytical tool to in-

vestigate causes and eventually enhance the Corps' safety program," Wenger said.

Despite the Corps efforts in better managing and updating its mishap reporting systems, ESB members emphasized the importance of using leadership as the primary tool in winning the battle against mishaps. Some discussion topics included possibly implementing structured mentoring and training programs that would ensure Marines incorporate safety as part of the Marine culture.

"Safety is a by-product of effective leadership," said Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Jones, commanding general, Training and Education Command, Quantico. "If we're going to be successful at mentoring in the Marine Corps, every unit has got to embrace it. We want to make it formal, yet flexible enough for a commander to do what he or she thinks is best for their organization."

With the ESB's intent on instilling leadership as a means of nurturing safety as part of the Marine Corps culture, board members are confident their plans and initiatives will significantly reduce mishaps corpswide.

"Marines need to realize the top leadership of the Corps are genuinely concerned with the safety of every single Marine," Wenger said. "The safety program in the Marine Corps revolves around improving combat effectiveness and in order to do this we need to keep our Marines healthy, injury free and able to preserve our assets."

An ALMAR message will be released in the near future, outlining topics discussed during the conference.

# NO REGRETS

BY MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR  
Public affairs chief

I'm at a somewhat scary point in my Marine Corps career. I've attended retirement ceremonies throughout my career, whether I was a part of a formation, covering them for the base newspaper, or just watching a senior staff noncommissioned officer or officer from my shop being "piped ashore."

Now things are different. Last year, I attended my first retirement ceremony for one of my peers. There were a myriad of thoughts running through my head before the ceremony started: Wait a minute! How did this happen? This can't be! My peers and friend aren't old enough to retire. Retirement ceremonies are for those salty leaders who shared their stories about their younger days in the Corps. We're not that old.

But reality inevitably set in. While I don't consider myself "old," it will soon be my time to say goodbye to a wonderful, fulfilling and rewarding career. I can't believe time has gone by so quickly. Even though I've had a great time in the Marine Corps, I have a few regrets. As I look back over the last 20 years, there are some things I wish I had done. So whether you're in the Marine Corps for four years or 24 years, don't have any regrets.

Take advantage of the benefits available to you. Education is a big one. When I joined the Marine Corps, I already had my bachelor's degree. I planned on serving four years in the Corps before starting a broadcasting or journalism career. I decided I wouldn't go to graduate school for a master's degree, so I didn't sign up for the GI Bill. Now here I am, 20 years later, going to school to get that master's degree. I'm using tuition assistance, but it would have been nice to have that GI Bill cash to help out with school down the road if I need to continue classes after retirement. My mother always told me, "Never say never." So that's my advice to junior Marines.

I'm not a big fan of flying. In fact, as a junior Marine, I dreaded getting orders to Okinawa for only two reasons: the plane ride over and the plane ride back. But before I got to Okinawa, I went on two deployments to the Middle East. Boy did I dread that first trip. Twenty-six hours on the same plane. But the flights were easy because I was traveling with my fellow Marines and sailors. Between meeting new people, talking with old friends, learning how to play spades, eating and sleeping, the time went by so fast. And I had the great opportunity to learn about a completely different culture by experiencing it instead of reading about it in a textbook. I deployed with 1st Force Service

Support Group Forward and I saw firsthand what it took to provide logistical support for Marines flying into country on a moment's notice.

When I went to Okinawa (and the flight wasn't bad), I had a great time living and working in a new environment. But I wish I had done a lot more sightseeing and traveling around the area. There are a lot of fantastic opportunities for trips and travel through Marine Corps Community Services there. Get off base and see as much as you can!

One of the greatest things about the Marine Corps has been the people I've met over the years, and one of the worst things has been saying goodbye to those people. I wish I had done a better job of staying in touch with good friends that I haven't seen for several years. I let work get the best of my free time sometimes, and I regret not putting more effort into staying in touch with many people I served with over the years.

So to the junior Marines, I say look forward to your time in the Marine Corps, and see the world. Experience as much as you can and take care of your future by furthering your education. You have a lot to look forward to during your career. Cherish your friendships, build great memories, and be proud of your service to your Corps and your country.

As I look back over the last 20 years, there are some things I wish I had done. So whether you're in the Marine Corps for four years or 24 years, don't have any regrets.

## Moving before a lease ends?

### Be familiar with landlords tenant law and the SCRA

#### SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

Without the protections of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, landlords are entitled to recover penalties for early termination in addition to the total amount they would earn if the tenant occupied the premises through the end of the lease. However, service members can avoid these costs if one of the following conditions is met:

- The lease was signed prior to entering active duty military service
- The member receives PCS orders
- The member receives orders to deploy for 90 or more days.

If any of these conditions apply, the service member can terminate their lease by delivering to the landlord a letter containing a 30-day written notice and a copy of their orders. If the landlord does not receive that notice, SCRA protection may be denied.

1ST LT. B.D. TRULOCK  
Legal assistance office

In the military, moving is a regular part of life. Service members receive orders telling them where to go and when to be there.

Sometimes these orders come unexpectedly. Because service members often are unable to determine when they will ultimately move again, they are often forced to vacate apartments before the termination of their lease.

Marines should know their rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the procedures for lease termination under the SCRA.

Generally, the SCRA is intended to enable active duty service members and activated reservists to devote their attention exclusively to the defense needs of the nation. Specifically, Title III of the SCRA contains provisions allowing service members to terminate their lease before the regular lease term expires, and without having to pay the costs normally

associated with early termination.

Therefore, it is critical that the service member complies with the statute. If orders are not available, the service member should request a letter from the command stating that such orders are pending. It is important to note that rent paid on a monthly basis is only terminated and effective 30 days after the first date on which the next rent payment is due. For example, if notice is given Aug. 10 and the next payment is due Sept. 1, the lease terminates Oct. 1, 30 days after Sept. 1.

To assist service members in this process, the legal assistance office has a standard SCRA lease-termination form that can give landlords written notice. The forms are easy to fill in no more than a few minutes.

Once the lease is terminated, the service member should receive any security deposit to which he is entitled, and a prorated refund of any advanced termination of the lease. The landlord, however, may still recover late payments, monies for damage caused to

the property by the member, and certain other legitimate charges already owed.

Service members are advised to read all provisions of their lease before signing it. Often, the military clause contains incorrect or outdated statements of the law. A standard lease addendum is available at the legal assistance office for individuals who would like the added protection that the SCRA does not offer. However, the landlord must be willing to sign the addendum for the protections not already included in the SCRA to apply.

If you have questions about the SCRA, or encounter other problems with your landlord, please make an appointment to speak with a judge advocate in the legal assistance office.

To make an appointment to see an attorney, please call 524-4111. To obtain pre-printed copies of the lease addendum or the SCRA lease termination form, the legal assistance office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## The Hatch Act

### Explaining conduct in political activity

In this time of heightened political activity, it is a good time to review permitted and prohibited political activity of federal employees. The following is general guidance only and the Office of Special Counsel should be contacted for information and advice of specific questions and situations.

The Hatch Act, passed by Congress in 1939, imposed significant restrictions on federal employees, government employees, and certain state and local government employees on their ability to participate in political activities. In 1993, Congress amended the Hatch Act to relax some of the restrictions. Most federal employees are now allowed to take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.

### Do's

#### Federal employees may:

- be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- register and vote as they choose
- assist in voter registration drives
- distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- express opinions about candidates and issues
- contribute money to political organizations
- attend political fund-raising functions
- attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign and circulate nominating petitions
- campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, and municipal ordinances
- campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- hold office in political clubs or parties

### Don'ts

#### Federal employees may not:

- use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with business before their agency
- solicit, accept, or receive political contributions (may be done in limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations)
- be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- engage in political activity while on duty or in a government office
- wear political partisan buttons on duty or engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- engage in political activity while using a government vehicle

Source: Office of Special Counsel, which is responsible for administration of law and regulation regarding such activity. Please visit their Web site at [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov).



Recruits from Platoon 1008, Company D, stand at attention during 1st Battalion's commander's inspection Saturday at Shepherd Field. An estimated 524 Marines make up seven platoons graduating from the company today. Sgt. Len Langston/Chevron

### SMP goes to Las Vegas

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Single Marine Program is scheduled for a Las Vegas Halloween trip. The Marines will leave the Locker Room parking lot Oct. 29 and return Oct. 31. The cost of the trip is \$50. Give payment to the SMP Coordinator Britney O'Connor by noon Oct. 18. The price includes transportation, lodging and snacks. Participants are encouraged to bring a Halloween costume. For more information, talk to a section SMP representative or call O'Connor at (619) 524-8240.

### Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming will run through Veteran's Day, allowing returning service members and up to four direct dependents, a one-time, free entry to one of the Sea World, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks. The offer provides for one visit to one park only.

Proof of deployment or overseas service is required along with a valid Department of Defense identification and completed application form. Application forms will be available on-line and at park front gates.

### Marathon MAC flight

Marine Corps Community Services at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., is in the process of securing a Military Airlift Command flight to the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 31, in Quantico, Va. We are collecting names of any active duty in the Southwest region who would be interested in taking advantage of this flight. Space is limited to 40 people, but a waiting list will be created once these slots have been filled. For more information, contact Michele Bean at DSN 267-7700, (858) 577-7700 or via e-mail at [michele.bean@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:michele.bean@usmc-mccs.org).



### Leaders requested to promote climate survey

The Marine Corps Climate Survey is a Marine Corps-wide survey that measures perceptions of organization and command climate, as well as experiences of discrimination and sexual harassment. The survey is sponsored by the Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch, Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

The success of efforts in evaluating these areas depends on the individual Marine, regardless of rank, ethnicity or gender.

Approximately 11,000 active duty Marines and 9,000 Marine reservists have been randomly selected to participate in the survey. For the data to be valid, it is important that those Marines complete and return it.

Responses to the survey will be analyzed for differences among ethnic groups, between male and female Marines and between officers and enlisted personnel.

Leaders at all levels are requested to support this effort by encouraging those Marines randomly selected to participate and complete the survey upon receipt. The survey addresses important issues that affect all Marines, and their quick response will ensure their opinions are reflected in the findings.

### Air Show Tickets on Sale

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar is hosting its annual air show Oct. 15-17. The show is free and open to all. Tickets for preferred seating may be purchased on-line, or a ticket form can be downloaded, then faxed or mailed.

Tickets may also be purchased at the MCAS Miramar Entertainment Ticket Office, Building 2524. Preferred seating offers upgrades including shaded seating, food and beverage service and more. There is a special offer for active-duty military, retirees, reservists and their family members with valid identification cards. Preferred seating options have been greatly discounted, and grandstand seating is free to eligible personnel Oct. 15.

Military ticket purchasers can buy tickets for guests on a one-to-one basis. A military family of two adults and two children can buy two additional adult and children's tickets for the same price. Military identification must be presented with the tickets. Miramar Department of Defense employees are included in this offer. For more information, go to [www.miramarairstow.com](http://www.miramarairstow.com) or call (858) 577-1016.

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### RS Orange seeks Marines

Recruiting Station Orange County is looking for motivated Marines between the ranks of private and sergeant to return home for 30 days permissive Temporary Assigned Duty and help out recruiting efforts during the November and December holiday season. RS Orange's area includes Hawaii and Guam. If you are interested, inform your unit/command and then call Sgt. Maj. Leonard R. Rivera at (949) 261-0131 or Gunnery Sgt. Brent A. Engelhardt at (949) 261-2049.

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# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



## October dates of Marine Corps historical significance

### Oct. 1, 1997

The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. Col. Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

### Oct. 5, 1775

Meeting in Philadelphia, the Second Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions when it directed Gen. George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risk and pay," and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

### Oct. 6, 1945

Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, III Amphibious Corps commanding general, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

### Oct. 8, 1899

A force of 375 Marines, under the command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

### Oct. 9, 1917

The 8th Marines were activated at Quantico, Va. Although the regiment would not see combat in

Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for more than five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.



### Oct. 11, 1951

A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time when HMR-161 lifted the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines and its equipment during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

### Oct. 19, 1968

Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began Oct. 6, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy troops were killed in the 13-day operation.

### Oct. 23, 1983

At 6:22 a.m., an explosive-laden truck slammed into the Battalion

Landing Team headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans, including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

### Oct. 28, 1962

An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2nd Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Fla., or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

### Oct. 31, 1919

A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sgt. Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief and dispersing his followers. Hanneken and Cpl. William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division



## Hispanic-American Medals of Honor

Thirty-nine Hispanic-Americans are among more than 3,400 Medal of Honor recipients. Thirteen are Marines:

- ✦ **Lance Cpl. Emilio A. De La Garza**  
Vietnam, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Chicago.
- ✦ **Pfc. Ralph E. Dias**  
Vietnam, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Pittsburgh, born in Shelocta, Penn.
- ✦ **Pfc. Fernando Luis Garcia**  
Korea, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Born in Utuado, Puerto Rico.
- ✦ **Pfc. Edward Gomez**  
Korea, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Omaha, Neb. Born in Omaha.
- ✦ **Pfc. Harold Gonsalves**  
World War II, 15th Marines, 6th Marine Division. Born in Alameda, Calif.
- ✦ **Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez**  
Vietnam, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in San Antonio. Born in Edinburg, Texas.
- ✦ **Staff Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen**  
Korea, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered Service in El Paso, Texas. Born in La Junta, Colo.
- ✦ **Lance Cpl. Jose Francisco Jimenez**  
Vietnam, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Born in Mexico City. Entered service in Phoenix.
- ✦ **Lance Cpl. Miguel Keith**  
Vietnam, Combined Action Platoon 1-3-2, III Marine Amphibious Force. Born in San Antonio. Entered service in Omaha.
- ✦ **1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez**  
Korea, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Tampa, Fla.
- ✦ **Pfc. Eugene Arnold Obregon**  
Korea, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Born in Los Angeles.
- ✦ **Pvt. France Silva**  
The Boxer Rebellion (1901). Born in Haywards, Calif., May 8, 1876.
- ✦ **Maj. Jay R. Vargas Jr.**  
Vietnam, 4th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. Born in Winslow, Ariz.

## CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS



# THE EMBLEM & SEAL

The history of the Marine Corps emblem is a story related to the history of the Corps itself. The emblem of today traces its roots to the designs and ornaments of early Continental Marines as well as British Royal Marines. The emblem took its present form in 1868. Before that time, many devices, ornaments and distinguishing marks followed one another as official marks of the Corps.

In 1776, the device consisted of a foul anchor – an anchor with one or more turns of the chain around it – of silver or pewter. The foul anchor still forms a part of the emblem today. Changes were made in 1798, 1821, and 1824. In 1834 it was prescribed that a brass eagle be worn on the hat, the eagle to measure 3 and a half inches from wingtip to wingtip.

During the early years, numerous distinguishing marks were prescribed, including "black cockades," "scarlet plumes" and "yellow bands and tassels." In 1859, the origin of the present color scheme for the officer's dress uniform ornaments appeared on an elaborate device of solid white metal and yellow metal. The design included a U.S. shield, half-wreath, a bugle, and the letter M.

In 1868, Brig. Gen. Commandant Jacob Zeilun

appointed a board "to decide and report upon the various devices of cap ornaments of the Marine Corps." On Nov. 13, 1868, the board turned in its report. It was approved by the Commandant four days later, and on Nov. 19 that year, it was signed by the Secretary of the Navy.

The emblem recommended by this board consists of a globe – showing the Western Hemisphere – intersected by a foul anchor and surmounted by a spread eagle. On the emblem itself, a ribbon inscribed with the Latin motto "Semper Fidelis," meaning "Always Faithful," topped the device. The uniform ornaments omit the motto ribbon.

The general design of the emblem was probably derived from the British Royal Marines' "Globe and Laurel." The globe on the U.S. Marine emblem signifies service in any part of the world. The eagle also indirectly signifies service worldwide, although this may not have been the intention of the designers in 1868. The eagle, which they selected for the Marine emblem, is a crested eagle, a type found all over the world. On the other hand, the eagle pictured on the great seal and the currency of the United States is the bald eagle, strictly a North American variety. The anchor, whose

origin dates back to the founding of the Marine Corps in 1775, indicates the amphibious nature of Marines' duties.

On June 22, 1954, President Eisenhower signed an executive order that approved the design of an official seal for the U.S. Marine Corps. The new seal had been designed at the request of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr.

The new seal consisted of the traditional Marine Corps emblem in bronze; however, an American bald eagle replaced the crested eagle depicted on the 1868 emblem, and is depicted with wings displayed, standing upon the Western Hemisphere of the terrestrial globe, and holding in its beak a scroll inscribed with the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis" with the hemisphere superimposed on a foul anchor. The seal is displayed on a scarlet background encircled with a Navy blue band edged in a gold rope rim and inscribed "Department of the Navy, United States Marine Corps" in gold letters. Coincident with the approval of this seal by the president, the emblem centered on the seal was adopted in 1955 as the official Marine Corps emblem.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division





Luisa Congden and Valatia Badna collaborate for a duet at karaoke night at the Locker Room Oct. 8. Karaoke begins every Friday at 7 p.m. and ends at about 1 a.m. Marines and civilians come to enjoy karaoke, cheap drinks and dancing. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos*



Heather Moranion and Sgt. John Flores, a Recruiters School student, salsa dance at the Locker Room.



Civilians and Marines enjoy drinks at low prices as they watch karaoke performers sing Oct. 8 at karaoke night on the depot.

# A way to unwind

*Locker Room offers karaoke, dancing, to help depot community relax*

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*

After a rough workweek, the depot offers a way to unwind in a safe, inexpensive atmosphere.

At 7 p.m. every Friday, Jerry M. Blackburn, owner and operator of Blackburn Follies Karaoke and Mobile DJ Services, sets up for a night of karaoke at the Locker Room sports bar here.

A drill instructor from the week's graduating company comes out of his shell and gets funky on the microphone for four minutes as the crowd loosens up and gets into his song.

On the other side of the bar, tired Recruiters School Marines shoot some pool and talk about sports or politics — anything but the week's curriculum.

"I love working here," said Blackburn. "I love the dancing and the atmosphere. It's as if everybody's having fun."

Locker Room bartenders serve up drinks and food at prices substantially cheaper than bars off the depot.

The "Electric Slide" plays over the sound system. Ladies who work at the exchange, civilians and Marines crowd the dance floor and slide along in unison to the popular song.

Once everyone is in dancing spirits, Blackburn plays some salsa music and hip-hop.

With sports on the big screen and full glasses in people's hands, the karaoke resumes.

"The Locker Room really has a great atmosphere," said Lance Cpl. John P. Lopez, administrative clerk, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, and Locker Room patron. "The drink prices are really cheap, and it's in a safe location. It's on base, so I can just walk home at the end of the night. It discourages a lot of Marines from driving drunk."

The Locker Room is a place people can always have a fun Friday night, according to Blackburn. It's always a good time, and that's why people keep coming back.



Sgt. John Elmure, a Recruiters School student, lines up his pool shot in a game with other Recruiters School Marines as karaoke music plays in the background.





Jeremy (left) and Jeremiah Pimental are paternal twins who joined the Marine Corps on the buddy program. They said they have done everything together. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

# Twofoldhunden

## Marines relied on twinship through boot camp

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*

“We do everything together,” they said in unison. From tooling in their stepfather’s woodshop to marching across Shepherd Memorial Drill Field as Marines, twin Pvts. Jeremy and Jeremiah Pimental, Platoon 1007, Company D, said they are always on the same page, through good and bad.

**RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT**

“Ever since I can remember, we’ve always done things together,” said Jeremy. “I remember playing in our dad’s woodshop when we were little ...”

“And helping out working on cars and engines,” chimed Jeremiah. “We do that a lot; finish each other’s sentences. Sometimes we ask each other the same question at the same time”

“It’s kind of freaky sometimes,” said Jeremy. “But I guess we have that twin connection.”

The Pimental boys exhibit that eerie telepathy, but their facial features and personalities are not identical.

“We do and like a lot of the same stuff,” said Jeremy. “But we have lot’s of differences, too. My favorite band is Aerosmith.”

“And I like Garth Brooks,” said Jeremiah. “Jeremy hates my music. And we wrestled for the varsity team in high school. Whenever we wrestle each other, it always ends in a stalemate.”

“I’m stronger,” said Jeremy. “But he outweighs me by about 20 pounds, so my strength and his weight counter each other.”

After their high school graduation, both brothers decided to join the Marine Corps for a few reasons.

“I didn’t think it was possible, so I joined for the challenge,” said Jeremiah.

“I also joined for the challenge,” said Jeremiah. “But I also joined because I believe every American citizen

*‘It’s nice to have a brother here – someone I’ve known my whole life.’*

– Pvt. Jeremy Pimental, a twin

owes service for the freedoms we enjoy, even if it is only four years.”

The 18-year-old Springfield, Ore., natives also sought an Army recruiter, but they weren’t impressed.

“The Army recruiter sugar-coated everything,” said Jeremiah.

“That’s not what we wanted,” said Jeremy. “The Marine recruiter told us it would be tough.”

The twins enlisted on the buddy program so they had a better chance to stay together throughout training.

“Once we got here, Jeremy and I stuck together,” said Jeremiah. “We walked really close together and we ended up in the same platoon.”

The twin thing has had its ups and downs at recruit training, according to Jeremy.

“We’ve been able to help each other a lot,” said Jeremy.

“I had a lot of trouble on my (Marine Corps Martial

Arts Program) test,” said Jeremiah. “I got 17 out of 49 moves wrong. That night, Jeremy stayed up late and went over the techniques with me. I retook the test the next day and I didn’t miss anything.”

The brothers also agreed that in the tough environment, it’s nice to have someone familiar.

“I think it was a good experience for the twins to be here together,” said Staff Sgt. Andrew Nichols, Platoon 1007 senior drill instructor. “They said they learned things about each other here they didn’t know after 18 years of growing up together.”

“We talk each other through the stress,” said Jeremy. “It’s nice to have a brother here – someone I’ve known my whole life.”

Frustration is one of the downfalls of having a brother in recruit training, they admitted.

“Boot camp is mostly mentally challenging,” said Jeremy. “Sometimes we just get on each other’s nerves.”

The twins are also very competitive; they’ve been that way their whole lives, according to Jeremiah.

“We’ve always competed,” said Jeremiah. “We competed in high school when we wrestled, and we competed a lot here. On the rifle range, Jeremy shot expert, and I shot sharpshooter. I should’ve had it, but I had a bad day on qualification.”

After graduation and 10 days of leave, the twins will go to Marine Combat Training together. Jeremy enlisted as an ordnance technician/metal worker, and Jeremiah joined as a construction utilities Marine. Occupational specialty school will be the first thing to separate the brothers.

“I think we’ll be OK on our own,” said Jeremiah. “But I hope we get stationed together.”

Jeremy nodded in agreement.

“We’ve been through everything together,” said Jeremy. “We’re brothers and best friends, and I don’t think anything can change that.”

# San Diego recruiter instructor rescues family

BY SGT. MIKE CAMACHO  
*12th Marine Corps Recruiting District*

A Recruiting Station San Diego recruiter instructor recently rescued a family whose vehicle blew a tire and rolled several times off the road in the California desert south of the Nevada border.

“I saw a poof of gray smoke come up right out from under the brown sport utility vehicle in front of me, and I knew they were in trouble,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Daniel C. Alvarez.

The career recruiter said with so much time spent on the road, vehicle accidents have become a common sight. This afternoon crash on Interstate 15 was one of those moments.

After the blowout, the vehicle veered left and lost traction, according to Alvarez’s description. Once the driver realized he was sliding, he must have overcompensated by yanking the steering wheel in the opposite direction. Doing 75 mph into a 90-degree turn sent the SUV into the dirt. As soon as the vehicle drove off the highway, it disappeared into a massive dust cloud.

“The scene appeared to be disastrous for the people in the vehicle. I expected the worst and prayed for the best,” said Alvarez. “It had my adrenaline pumping, because it happened so fast. I pulled over

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– Master Gunnery Sgt. Daniel C. Alvarez

and immediately ran over there.”

Wearing his blue dress D uniform, Alvarez ran to the dust still clouding the scene. He followed the screams. He found the vehicle upside down about 60 feet from the road. After seeing no fuel leaks, he knelt to open the driver’s door but it didn’t open, so he yelled to the driver to unlock the door. The locks clicked open, but the door did not. He ran to the passenger side and pried the rear door open.

The first person Alvarez saw was a young girl about six years old with minor bumps and scrapes. He pulled her out and gave her to another Good Samaritan who had arrived on scene. The second person was a toddler, followed by the mother in her mid-20s. The father was able to free himself from the driver seat and crawl out the passenger-side door. The grandmother sat in the front passenger seat with her foot stuck under the dash. Alvarez pulled on the front passenger side door, but it wouldn’t open. He knew he had to open that door to free her foot. He and the driver began forcing the door open enough for Alvarez to reach in and

dislodge the woman’s foot.

Alvarez found no serious injuries, and he received a hearty thank you from the driver. Alvarez remained on scene until the ambulance arrived.

Alvarez was surprised to see a crowd of 15 to 20 people watching him. He said he could hear them saying, “That’s a Marine.” He said he thought any Marine in that situation would have done the same thing.

“Marines are intuitively wired to take decisive and aggressive action when the opportunity presents itself,” said Maj. John E. McDonough, Alvarez’s commanding officer. “It’s also a testament to how we build our Marines. You take a Marine who is so focused on performing their recruiting operations, put them in a environment where they’re needed, and you watch an immediate shift of gears to where they are putting themselves in danger to help someone in need.”

Alvarez is not the only RS San Diego Marine who has assisted accident victims. There have been two other cases within the last six months.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Green, a canvassing recruiter from the recruiting substation in Temecula, Calif., was driving his government vehicle at night when he noticed vehicle headlights moving violently off the side of the freeway. He, too, jumped out of his car and was the first one on the scene to assist.

Sgt. James A. Weaver, an El Cajon, Calif., canvassing recruiter, was driving his government vehicle when he saw a rolled vehicle and its passengers thrown. The Marine jumped out of his car to a horrific accident and tried resuscitating an unconscious man and treating a young woman for shock. While giving CPR, another vehicle almost hit everybody. Weaver said he continued to pump on the man’s chest.

Each Marine downplays his heroic actions by saying anyone would have done the same thing and they didn’t feel they did anything outside the norm.

“It’s the unique characteristic of Marines that both inspires them to take on acts of this nature and not talk about it after, like it was normal course of duties. I had to force the master gunnery sergeant to describe his story to me,” said McDonough. “Imagine, they are in their vehicle, hanging upside down, and standing over them is a Marine. That must have felt great.”

# Combat vet: “I didn’t want to let anyone down”

BY SGT. LEN LANGSTON  
*Chevron staff*

The staff sergeant said his confidence and training suited him for leading Marines into battle, but his fear of not doing the right thing and seeing his men hurt troubled him.

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Cantu is now a drill instructor making Marines with Company D, which graduates more than 500 Marines today. But before he was a DI, he was leading men in combat.

Before boarding the USS Portland on its voyage to the Persian Gulf, his father, a Vietnam veteran, said, “Take care of those Marines.” And on January 15, 2003 the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade shoved off with more than 7,000 Marines, sailors and soldiers.

Recalling a conversation before the war began in Iraq, Cantu said his father told him, “They’re going to be looking up to you,” referring to the Marines in his charge. Cantu was platoon sergeant for 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, which pushed into Baghdad and battled for An Nasiriyah.

With heavy troop rotation, more and more Marines have seen combat and have received fire, including Cantu when he was in An Nasiriyah.

“It’s kind of surreal,” said Cantu. “You can’t believe it at first, and initially you get rattled. You have to get up and make sure your men are in position and pushing forward. You have to make sure where the other squad is – what they’re doing and what they need. I didn’t want anyone hurt, and I didn’t want to let anyone down.”

Cantu’s leadership inspired his Marines to follow him and remain focused on the mission. He shouted orders to his Marines before they dismounted from the tracked vehicles: “Remember what I said: No heroes.”

Retired Gunnery Sgt. Jason Doran, was the company gunnery sergeant for 81 mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Co., 1/2 and witnessed Cantu on the battlefield. He credits Cantu for keeping the company informed and having the presence of mind to move positions.

“I saw that he was very confident, calm and

secure during the whole time we were receiving fire,” said Doran. “A lot of the Marines felt secure (with his leadership).”

Cantu, who agrees that making quick decisions is critical with lives at risk, said decisiveness is important. He said that was tough, and so was tending to the welfare of his Marines.

“Passing the word and letting them know what was going on was important,” said Cantu. “The more information that was passed on, the more the morale of the troops stayed high.”

“The time Marines had difficulty was when they were in the defense where they had time to think. It’s hard as a leader to keep the Marines focused and not become complacent.”

Cantu accepted the billet of company gunnery sergeant and was inundated with responsibilities.

“At any opportunity, I made sure mail and chow was delivered. Once we crossed the line of departure, mail stopped being delivered for about one and a half weeks,” he said. “Once (mail) started rolling, we got mail anywhere from two to three times a week, which was

pretty good for a combat zone.”

After the battalion accomplished its mission of securing two key bridges, allowing elements of the 1st Division to move north to Baghdad, the Marines took on additional missions. According to Cantu, this included rescuing soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Co.

Cantu returned to Camp Lejeune, N.C., with his unit June 22, 2003, and he said leaving that command was difficult after being a part of it for much of his 12 years in the Corps.

“You build a bond, but I knew it was time to move on. I still keep in touch with some of the Marines,” he said. “There isn’t a day that goes go by that I don’t think of our time there.”

Before the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade shoved off to Iraq, Staff Sgt. Jason M. Cantu’s father told him to take care of the Marines in his charge because they would be looking up to him. Now Cantu is making Marines as a drill instructor with Company D. His platoon is graduating more than 70 recruits today. Sgt. Len Langston/Chevron photos



Cantu inspects recruits and rifles during 1st Battalion’s commander’s inspection Saturday at Shepherd Field.





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Recruited by  
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**SERIES HONORMAN**  
Pfc. J. D. Sabol  
Phoenix  
Recruited by  
Sgt. J. C. Brewer



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Recruited by  
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Pfc. E. C. Hernandez  
Austin, Texas  
Recruited by  
Sgt. J. Sierra



**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. C. M. Spradlin  
Pearland, Texas  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. J. A. Ruizperez



**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. S. I. Varelas  
San Jose, Calif.  
Recruited by  
Sgt. R. D. Diaz



**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pfc. J. C. Vincent  
Houston  
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Pvt. D. M. Bogue  
Pfc. N. I. Boica  
Pvt. D. M. Broderick  
Pvt. T. A. Burrell  
Pfc. D. J. Cafourek  
Pvt. D. Camposaparacio  
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Pvt. L. J. Carranza  
Pfc. A. A. Carrillo  
Pfc. B. M. Carter  
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Pvt. J. P. Foley  
Pvt. I. Godinez  
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Pfc. C. I. Gutierrez  
\*Pvt. C. A. Harwood  
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Pvt. S. D. Hill  
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Pvt. J. A. Hubach  
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Pvt. J. M. Johnson  
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Pvt. B. T. Meyer  
Pvt. R. S. Miller  
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Pfc. T. Phan  
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Pfc. E. R. Sanchez  
Pvt. N. J. Snyder  
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Pvt. C. E. Bain  
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Pvt. J. P. Cornejo  
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Pfc. M. A. Fleming  
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Pvt. S. C. Keen  
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Pvt. J. D. Lee  
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Pvt. B. L. Maghielse  
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Pvt. B. G. Anderson  
Pfc. T. J. Appel  
Pfc. J. L. Armstrong  
Pvt. D. O. Arriaga  
Pvt. A. Avila  
Pvt. P. J. Bakeman  
Pvt. T. M. Barron  
Pfc. B. E. Beshara  
Pfc. T. T. Betterly  
Pfc. J. R. Blea  
Pfc. C. J. Boits  
Pvt. A. P. Boone  
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Pvt. G. M. Gassman  
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St. Louis  
Marksmanship Instructor  
Sgt. J. A. Pena

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Staff Sgt. M. M. McLaughlin  
Sgt. M. E. Ortega  
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Pfc. M. Rios  
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Pvt. N. S. Swan  
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Drill instructors  
Staff Sgt. R. L. Hayes  
Sgt. R. A. Matthews

Pvt. S. M. Alexander  
Pfc. T. R. Allen  
Pfc. M. M. Baker  
Pvt. A. M. Bartu  
Pvt. A. R. Beaver  
Pvt. J. D. Blackwell  
Pfc. D. A. Braithwaite  
Pfc. J. M. Bruno  
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Pvt. B. M. Cartee  
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Pfc. L. C. Christopher  
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Pfc. J. D. Dahl  
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Pvt. Z. M. Davey  
Pvt. R. Dealba  
\*Pfc. A. M. Dejong  
Pvt. J. L. Dorsey  
Pfc. E. D. Downing  
Pvt. D. J. Doyle  
Pvt. M. A. Fernandez  
Pvt. R. L. Findley  
Pfc. R. Florez  
Pvt. K. J. Franklin  
Pvt. R. J. Franz  
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Staff Sgt. A. J. Nichols  
Drill instructors  
Sgt. M. C. Waters  
Sgt. H. Sotordriguez

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Pvt. T. J. Richards  
Pvt. C. A. Rickets



**Pfc. B. D. Murders, Platoon 1005, Company D, stretches out his shoulder before taking off on the three-mile run portion of Co. D's final physical fitness test. The PFT also includes pull-ups and crunches.** Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

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Pvt. D. A. Robertson  
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Staff Sgt. E. A. Ellis  
Staff Sgt. J. D. Vest

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Pfc. R. Calvillo  
Pvt. J. J. Porter  
Pvt. A. M. Ramirez  
Pvt. B. A. Reyes  
Pfc. D. D. Reynolds  
Pfc. M. D. Rice  
Pvt. J. S. Rice  
Pvt. J. J. Richards  
Pvt. R. D. Richardson  
Pvt. J. A. Richmond  
Pvt. D. W. Stalter  
Pvt. J. S. Stamps

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Delta Company answered Chevron's random questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

**Q: What was your worst civilian job?**



**Pfc. Jared A. Beck**  
Ivanhoe, Minn.

**A:** Working at a pig barn. Artificially inseminating pigs.

**Q: Do you have a significant other?**



**Pvt. Joshua J. O'Brien**  
Portland, Ore.

**A:** I have a fiancée at home. She is the most amazing woman I have ever met.

**Q: Describe living with a diverse group of cultures?**



**Pfc. Douglas E. Jerzak**  
Ivanhoe, Minn.

**A:** It's new for me. I live in a rural area, and this is one of the reasons I joined.

**Q: What's the best MRE?**



**Pvt. Andrew J. Cole**  
Sandy, Ore.

**A:** Any one with a strawberry dairy shake. They're the best. Mmm-mmm good.

**Q: Why did you join the Marine Corps?**



**Pvt. Nathan I. K. Dutro**  
Hilo, Hawaii

**A:** To keep my life on the right path and make something of myself.



**Linda Caballero-Merritt**

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Merritt currently serves as president and chief executive officer of the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She is on the board of directors for the Tijuana Sister Cities Society and was formerly the marketing and communications director for the Workforce Partnership in San Diego.

She grew up in Tijuana, Mexico and attended school in San Diego. A dual citizen of the United States and Mexico, Merritt currently holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from International University and a master's degree in international relations from Webster/Regents College, London.



# H&S LIKE WHOA!



Headquarters and Service Battalion’s Pfc. Sean Bzdon elevates to block a spike from Coast Guard 1’s Petty Officer 2nd Class Troy Fuller in the championship of the Commanding General’s Cup sand volleyball tourney. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

## H&S Bn.’s crew demolishes competition in sand volleyball tournament

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*

Headquarters and Service Battalion won the Commanding General’s Cup sand volleyball tournament Tuesday.

The eight-team tourney started at 9:30 a.m., and the championship match ended at about 1:30 p.m. at the depot boathouse volleyball courts.

Each match of the single-elimination tourney was a best-of-three series. The first and second games went to 30 points, and tiebreaker games went to 15 points.

H&S zipped through Support Bn. 3 and Coast Guard 2, two games to none in each match, to advance to the championship match against Coast Guard 1.

Coast Guard 1 had a tougher time, defeating Support Bn. 2 and 3rd Recruit Training Bn., both in tiebreakers.

Coast Guard 1 and unthreatened H&S dug toes into the sand to kick off the championship match.

From the opening whistle, H&S had the clear advantage. Team unity and communication put them on another level.

H&S’s Pfc. Sean Bzdon, an All-Armed Forces volleyball player, led his team to victory in the first game with his fireball spikes, clutch blocks and frozen-rope serves.

H&S also dominated the second game, this time with key digs from Lance Cpl. Tommy Lewis, and accurate serves and big-time blocks from Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Julius Abeling. Consistent sets from Sgt. Eduardo Nuno allowed the Bzdon barrage to continue.

The big trophies and bragging rights went to H&S, which won the championship match 30-26, and 30-20.

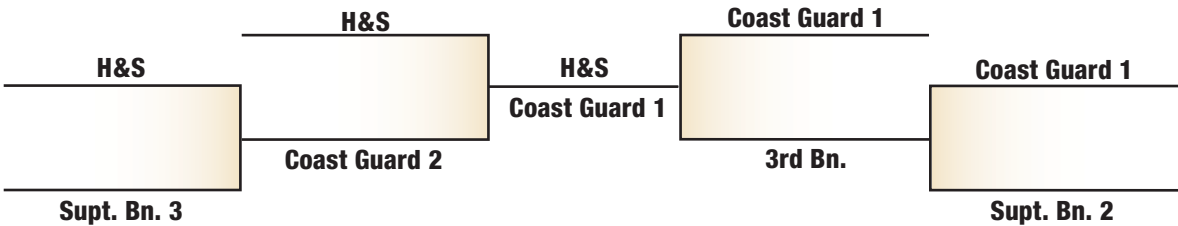
“We won because of our teamwork,” said Bzdon. “Everyone communicated well and we were all on the same page. We played with a good balance of confidence and humility out there.”

3rd Bn. defeated Coast Guard 2 in a tight three-game match for third-place honors.

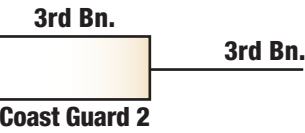
H&S now leads the hunt for the big cup, but Recruit Training Regiment and Coast Guard are nipping at their heels. The next CG’s Cup event is league bowling, which starts next week.



### CG’S CUP SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



#### 3RD PLACE PLAYOFF



#### CG’S CUP STANDINGS

- 1st H&S
- 2nd RTR
- 3rd Coast Guard
- 4th District
- 5th Dental
- 6th Medical
- 7th W&F